

COPPERMINE CHAPTER – PLANNING/REPORT MEETING

June 13, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference

MINUTES

Join by phone (US): +1-315-665-2952 (pin) 318742637

- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:25pm.
On-call = Nadine Benally, Paul Begay, Evelyn Walker
Attendance = Pauline Benally, Lita Yellowman, Betty Slim, Louise Tisi
- II. Invocation by Lola Smith.
- III. Review & Adopt the Agenda read by Allen Fowler
Add-on: New Business 3 – Funeral Assistance for Zonnie Gamble, Harry Slim, Jeffery Tallman, Bessie Whitehair
Add-on: New Business 4 – Horse Round up
Add-on: Report 3 – Greyhills Academy High School on Enrollment
Add-on: Betty Slim – need approval for funeral plot at family plot is needed from Funeral Home.
Allen – Standford usually does that.
Betty Slim – Standford says he doesn't take care of it.
Add-on: Nadine Benally – Old Business A – update
Add-on: Evelyn Walker – to do presentation summer driving kit during chapter meeting. (Presentation #4)
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 04 / 00 / 00
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building.
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 04 / 00 / 00
- V. Old Business:
1. Nadine Benally – update on project. Passes resolution. We are not planning to do the survey till August 2022. Will let chapter know when we are ready for our visit. Plan to visit for the cultural resource request either June 23 or June 24 for the BIA road. Email message for cultural report with Historic Preservation that there is need to be letter to request for the information and reason for need of the report. You can email her the letter and they will prepare the report.
- VI. New Business:
1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer
As of today, ASC are installing and updating MIP into the computer so have not receive financial report from ASC for month of May. Today, I submitted documents to the National Bank of Arizona to add my name to the chapter checking account. Bank will be forwarding me the signature card. Bank did provide me the May Bank Statements which I will provide report on it.

Beginning Balance	705,683.13
Deposit 5/11 = AFI \$31,610 and NN Sales Tax \$25,729	57,339.48
Deposit 5/11	470.95
Deposit 5/16	156.46
Deposit 5/24	259.27
Checks Processed – 8 checks	4,304.28
Ending Balance	759,605.01

Lola – why is ASC asking for AFI fund documents when documents were sent to ASC which is in order to receive the AFI check.

Valerie – just need to resend documents again in order for ASC to process check to vendor

2. Resolution: Poll Official Recommendations for Chief Poll Judge and Three (3) Poll Judge
Allen – read the wording and need for chief poll judge and 3 poll judge.

Valerie – email sent by chapter and we need recommendation of names.

Lola – tell your neighbor and recommendation of names for upcoming election

3. Add-on: Resolution: Funeral Assistance for the late

i. Zonnie Gamble – Betty Slim – my mom passed on yesterday at 330pm. Requesting funds for burial assistance. She was 93+ year old.

ii. Harry Slim – Louise Tisi – request burial assistance for my brother. Pass on May 26. Balance left of \$2300. I had to fill out application to pay for the balance so I have to monthly payment.

iii. Jeffery Tallman – Louise Tisi – its mary tallman's son. Pass on May 27. I believe he is voting member of Tuba City and his wife is voting member for Tuba City. His sister lives in page but I don't think she has any documents.

Lola – called Sharlene to verify registered voter. He is not registered voter of Coppermine.

iv. Bessie Whitehair – Sid Whitehair – my mom has pass at 92 yr old.

4. Add-on: Resolution: Re-affirm Feral "Authorizing and Supporting the Coppermine Chapter and the District 1 (One) Grazing Committee Member to Implement an Indefinite Feral Horse, Stray and Unclaimed Livestock Removal Program in efforts to improve the Ecological Health and Productivity of the Navajo Rangelands for present and future generations of the Navajo people.

Louise – roundup is that any horses are taken, what about the branded horses, can I pick up branded horses, etc.

Standford – its horse rescue. I got call from Navajo Nation that they will be doing round-up due to drought. I got help from Allen and family. People post pictures of horses need water so it's a horse rescue. BIA and Agriculture were there. There was resolution in 2019 and 2020 but they request for re-affirm resolution. If you want to reclaim your horse then you bring your permit and its needs to be in the tally count. There are many colts born. People say horses will start dying due to no water. I got call this morning from Ray C and Olin that they will do horse rescue. Excess horses. Feral horses. Horses are not tamed. If you want to claim your horse then you can travel to window rock to the fairgrounds and bring your livestock permit. You can put horses in your corral and call me then I can make call then Tuba City can come out to pick up the horses.

Lousie- can I reclaim horse from the roundup area

Standford – you can reclaim horse at roundup pin but you need to go into the pin and walk out with your horse.

Louise – this is their land the horses. What happens afterwards to the horses

Standford – this is to cover the current horses taken. I didn't know about it. I just got call this morning from Navajo Nation. Navajo Nation don't want horses dying.

Louise – I'm against the horse roundup. Each horse has their own name and their own song. You are grazing official for Coppermine community and you need to voice our voice for us. You need to think about our cultural ways. You can't just go with Anglo way of horse round up. Horse is sacred to us and they may be protecting us from this virus.

Linda L – is there resolution that is active, a standing resolution. The community have been warn and have not understand to take care of their horses. I have people around where I live that don't take care of their horses and they do damage personal items. They need to look at their livestock permit. I don't see people riding horses in Coppermine. People have been to warn to take care of their animals. We

have put a lot of training from BIA and Dept of Agricultural and only people that show up from other chapters and not the local residents.

Allen – 95% of the horses are unbranded. One brand the horse was from Red Lake which was stud. There is not a lot of pasture for it. People that complain are the ones that have cattle.

Standford – was told that Grazing Officials are letting people overgraze on their livestock permit. Grazing Officials need to enforce. I keep my animals in the corral and buy hay for my animals. The 40% needs to be done. Feral horses, they use drone to get count on feral horses. If no resolution then BIA can come in do roundup and don't need approval from chapter. People report of the horses and no water.

Sid – its not just horses but cattle too. There is no vegetation. So, its ok for the roundup. If you take care of your horses and it says in the corral that good. I'm for the 40% reduction. I would like to see the 40% reduction for my neighbor in my area. Standford, BIA, NN Agr need to come and see that land. The over grazer takes their animals behind the hill and only certain number are tally.

Move Forward New Business

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Standford Fowler Vote: 04 / 00 / 00

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Community Health Representative – Susie Shorthair – Not Present
2. TCRHCC Radiation – Natasha Begay – Not Present
3. Add-on: Greyhills Academy High School on Enrollment – Not Present
4. Add-on: Evelyn Walker with NDOT. Request to do presentation during the chapter meeting. Provide information on the following: children left in vehicle in the heat, water in the vehicle, owner manual needs to be read on vehicles, check list for vehicle to check headlights, etc. enough sleep for driving. Let people know of your travel itinerary. Sanitize your vehicle. Will also be doing teen drive presentation.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUP Reports:

1. Council Delegate - Paul Begay
Allen – he texts me stated he is in special session and will do report during chapter meeting.
2. Chapter President - Allen Fowler – I help during horse round. Horses were thirsty. Thankful for people that came to assist with the horse roundup.
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – we need student workers for high school and college. Hoop house / green house and if you would like to assist with planting then come help. Price of food have increase. Horse roundup so what are we to eat. My younger years and Coppermine use to have a lot of sale of sheep, goats, etc. its an income to sell our livestock and its food for us. This 40%. Our livestock is our income so if reduce then that is reduce in income and we will come to starve. Covid is increasing and currently there are 5 admitted patients in the tuba city hospital. Wear your mask, hand sanitize, 6 feet apart, and vaccine. We need to take care of ourselves.
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Standford Fowler – do individual assessment with livestock permit holder. Some permit holder stated that they just have permit and have animals on their permit. They don't know of management. Tally vote. Reaffirming on violations so waiting on tally book so no branding at this time. Livestock enforcement. I always state to take care of your animals. Its from BIA from Washington. Water at 3rd windmill. Saw that 2nd windmill need maintenance on the windmill itself. Take care of your animals and hear a lot of complaints from people. I have my water trough corral in and animals can smell the hay as well so other people's animals come to my house. I am asking correctly. Someone sees a lot of horses at first windmill and they turn on the water and don't turn off so water runs off. Its okay to have 30 sheep for food.
Sid – thank you stan on your explanation of livestock issue. I listen to other chapter meeting. Long time ago there were many livestock but today there is no vegetation.

5. CLUPC – Linda Long – Coppermine boundary. Fix and plan for the Coppermine land. Today, the community land use plan of Coppermine chapter of the Navajo nation is finish. June 25 will be last review of what was wrote in the planning book. We have worked on community plan. We have variety of believers. I am traditionalist. That is why planning for our land is hard and there are consequences when talking about the land. Years ago have started this planning process and its completed. Request your approval on the clup manual. Next time it will be public hearing for the community land use plan then approved then will take to RDC for their approval. The community have ask me to do this task and didn't get much feedback from community so community need to approve the maual.

IX. Announcements

1. Next Chapter Meeting: June 20, 2022 @ 4pm DST @ Coppermine Chapter (In-Person & Teleconference)
2. Next Planning Meeting: July 11, 2022 @ 4pm DST @ Coppermine Chapter (In-Person & Teleconference)
3. Next Chapter Meeting: July 18, 2022 @ 4pm DST @ Coppermine Chapter (In-Person & Teleconference)
4. Next CLUPC Meeting: June 25, 2022 @ 9am DST @ Coppermine Chapter
5. Next District Grazing Meeting: July 7, 2022 @ 1pm @ Kaibeto but depends
6. Next Agency Grazing Meeting: June 20 @ 9am @ Kaibeto but depends
7. NDOT Teen Driving Presentation: June 15, 2022 @ 9am-10am DST by Evelyn Walker
8. Red Antelope Solar Farm Presentation Q/A: June 19 & 20 at LeChee @ 2pm-6pm DST
9. Pet Vaccination Clinic: June 24, 2022 (Friday) from 9am – 4pm @ Coppermine Chapter
10. Coppermine Just Move It: June 28, 2022 (Tuesday) for 6pm Registration and Starts at 7pm DST
11. Tuba City Mobile Clinic at Monkey Ridge: June 28, 2022 from 845am – 4pm
12. Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting: June 18, 2022 at 9am (virtual)

- X. Adjournment at 5:26pm. Motion: Lola Smith. Second: Valerie Fowler. Vote: 04/00/00

Valerie Fowler

Written and prepared by Valerie Fowler
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer